(h) whether any Central help and assistance will be provided in accelerating their Industrial Development Schemes; and

(c) if so, what is the Central help and assistance provided and what are the total schemes that will be available during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM); (a) Yes. Action Plans based on local resources have b««H prepared by most of the DICs.

(b) Under District Industries Centres Programms, Central Government provides 50 per cent of the expenditure on DICs subject to a limit of Rs. 4 lakhs per annum per DIC.

(c) During thi current year, central assistance to the DICs in Madhya Pradesh to the tune of Rs. 90 lakhs ha$_s$ been released for the first two quarters and further centra] assistance would be released on the basis of performance during the first two quarters.

Setting up of refinery in Assam under Corporate structure

1287. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will thj Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the share money paid by Government of Gujarat for the Koyali refinery set up by IOC;

(b) whether the proposed refinery in Assam could not be set up under Corporate structure like the Koyali, Cochin and Manali Refineries; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRl BRAHM DUTT): (a) Shares for Rs. 10|-lakhs in Indian Oil Corporation were issued to Government of Gujarat in May, 1966. This share amount has gone up to Rs. 15 lakhs on issuance of bonus shares of Rs. 5 lakhs in 1981-82.

(b) and (c) While Koyali is a refinery fully owned and operated by Indian Oil Corporation, the Cochin and Manali Refineries were set up with participation of foreign companies who had brought in capital, technology and crude oil- There is no proposal to set up the refinery in Assam under the Assam accord on that basis.

Annual profits from Noormati Refinery

1288. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what amount of annual profits is received by th$_e$ IOC from its Noormati Refinery; and

(b) whether Government of Assam receives any profits from this Refinery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRl BRAHM DUTT): (a) The profit before tax for the year 1987-88 from the Noormati Refinery wa$_s$ Rs. 105 lakhs.

(b) While Government of Assam does not get any share out of the above profit of the company, the region derives benefits on account of the location of the refinery in that area.

Protocol with USSR on Oil sector

1289. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a protocol has been signed by the Government with the USSR on oil sector;